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SUBJ: ATLANTIC DECLARATION: CANADIAN VIEWS

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY MINISTER KENNETH WILLIAMSON CALLED ON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN ON OCTOBER 12 TO
INQUIRE CONCERNING THE NEXT STEPS IN THE DRAFTING OF A
NATO DECLARATION. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN
US VIEWS ON THE TEXT ON SECURITY ISSUES RECENTLY TABLED
BY THE FRENCH IN NATO. HE ASKED WHETHER THE PRELIMINARY
US COMMENTS, WHICH HAD BEEN RESTRICTED TO SECURITY QUES-
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TIONS, MEANT WE WERE FULLY SATISFIED WITH THE SCOPE OF THE

FRENCH TEXT. HE SAID CANADIAN INTERESTS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD MIGHT BE JEOPARDIZED IF THE FRENCH TEXT IS NOT EXPANDED, SINCE CANADA IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE EC EXERCISE, AND THE ONLY DOCUMENT REMAINING IN WHICH THEIR VIEWS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES COULD BE COVERED IS THE NATO DECLARATION.

2. MR. SPRINGSTEEN SAID THAT THE US CONSIDERED THE FRENCH APPROACH QUITE SIGNIFICANT, SINCE IT REFLECTED A NEW DISPLAY OF FRENCH INTEREST WHICH COULD ULTIMATELY MEAN FULL SUPPORT OF A STRONG NATO POSITION. OF COURSE, THERE WERE SOME OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT FROM A US POINT OF VIEW, PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO BURDENSHARING AND TO EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS ON FORCE REDUCTIONS. WE RECOGNIZE HOWEVER THAT OTHERS, SUCH AS THE CANADIANS, HAVE THEIR OWN INTERESTS TO PURSUE AND WE BELIEVE SUCH ISSUES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN OPEN DEBATE AMONG GOVERNMENTS. THUS, THE POSITIVE US REACTION TO THE FRENCH TEXT SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT THE US WAS RESTRICTING ITS REMARKS TO THESE POINTS, NOR ARE WE OPPOSED TO OTHERS RAISING SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR OWN INTERESTS. KISSINGER

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